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1. POST PLANNING PROGRAM DR. KENEN WITH KOREAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (KDI) JANUARY 26 ON TOPIC "FLEXIBLE EXCHANGE RATES AND NATIONAL AUTONOMY" FOR APPROXIMATELY 40 FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME POLICY PLANNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ROKG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, PLUS GOVERNMENT AND ACADEMIC FIGURES. MOST TRAINED IN U.S., WITH ADVANCED U.S. DEGREES IN FIELDS RELATED TO ECONOMICS. AUDIENCE POLITICALLY SOPHISTICATED AND GENERALLY INFORMED OF CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE IN U.S., BUT NOT INFORMED IN DETAIL AND PUZZLED BY SOME RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

2. ON JANUARY 27 DR. KENEN SCHEDULED SPEAK ON TOPIC "PROSPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH" BEFORE ABOUT 70 BUSINESS LEADERS, INDUSTRIALISTS AND FOREIGN TRADE SPECIALISTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF OR AFFILIATED WITH KOREAN FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES (FKI) WHICH HAS, AS ITS GOALS, ENHANCING ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, ENCOURAGING PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENTS, INCREASING EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, AND PROMOTING CLOSER ECONOMIC TIES WITH BUSINESS CIRCLES IN OTHER COUNTRIES. FOR FKI SESSION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL AND INDEED ESSENTIAL THAT DR. KENEN MAKE SOME REFERENCES TO KOREAN ECONOMY.

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3. WE HOPE DR. KENEN WILL PITCH LEVEL OF HIS PRESENTATIONS TO KNOWLEDGE AND SOPHISTICATION NOTED ABOVE. HE SHOULD SPEAK ABOUT 40 MINUTES EACH SESSION. AT FKI THERE WILL BE SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION. IN BETWEEN, AS TIME IS AVAILABLE, WILL TRY SCHEDULE FEW CALLS ON LEADERS ECONOMIC PLANNING BOARD AND FINANCE MINISTRY, IN ADDITION TO EMBASSY BRIEFINGS. NEED TEXT OR TALKING POINTS ASAP.

4. RESERVED KOREANA HOTEL AT RATE \$16 PER DAY. ADVISE ETA. WILL MEET.
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